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The request to correct the inventorship of this nonprovisional application under 37 CFR 1.48(a) (filed February 21, 2003) is deficient because: Mark Hayden was not named as an inventor (see the copy the original declaration attached to this Office action). Accordingly, Mr. Hayden cannot be removed as an inventor.

The formal drawings filed March 3, 2003 are accepted by the examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Martinell whose telephone number is (703) 308-0296. The fax phone number for Examiner Martinell's desktop workstation is (703) 746-5162. The examiner works a flexible schedule and can be reached by phone and voice mail. Alternatively, a request for a return telephone call may be e-mailed to [james.martinell@uspto.gov](mailto:james.martinell@uspto.gov). Since e-mail communications may not be secure, it is suggested that information in such requests be limited to name, phone number, and the best time to return the call.

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